

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATING THE 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.040, Skagit County, and all cities and towns in Skagit County, are required to fully plan under Washington state’s Growth Management Act (GMA), and each must adopt a comprehensive plan and development regulations to implement their respective comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.210, the Board of County Commissioners must adopt countywide planning policies (CPPs), in cooperation with the cities and towns within Skagit County, used solely for establishing a countywide framework from which county, city and town comprehensive plans are developed and adopted; and

WHEREAS, the current version of the CPPs was adopted by the Board of Skagit County Commissioners on December 16, 2024 via Ordinance #O202400110; and

WHEREAS, the proposed CPP amendments include changes altering the regional growth allocations to reflect current OFM and Commerce forecasts, and to allocate the forecasted growth and housing needs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed CPP amendments include changes necessary to implement newly adopted changes to the GMA planning requirements related to housing, transportation, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Skagit Council of Governments, a regional planning agency, was established by Skagit County, the cities and towns within the County, and other local governments and municipal entities, to provide a forum to collaborate on modifications to urban growth areas, allocating growth in population and employment across the county, and the adoption of countywide planning policies, which provide a countywide framework by which our comprehensive plans are developed and adopted; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Framework Agreement established a planning organization known as the “GMA Committee”, which consists of a GMA Steering Committee (GMASC) supported by a GMA Technical Advisory Committee (GMATAC); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the 2002 Framework Agreement the proposed CPP changes have been distributed to local jurisdictions for their own public involvement processes; and

WHEREAS, the GMATAC recommended approval of the amendments to the GMASC; and

WHEREAS, the GMASC recommended approval of the amendments to the CPPs, as attached in Exhibit “A”, to the Board of County Commissioners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that the amended Countywide Planning Policies attached in **Exhibit “A”** are hereby adopted.

DATED this 25 day of March, 2025.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



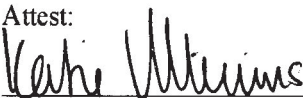
Lisa Janicki, Chair



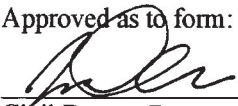
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